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Performance Review Assignment

*A Raisin in the Sun* at Arena Stage

**Option #1 -- Written Review**

**Assignment:** You will write a short review of the performance of *A Raisin in the Sun* at Arena Stage after you see it performed on our field trip.

→ This review is due by **Monday, April 24th. ←**

**What you need to include in the review:**

* What was done well in the play
* What was not done well in the play
* Whether you recommend people see this play and why/why not
* You will need to reference *specific moments* in the play as evidence
* You will need to avoid the first person in the review

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| **Introduction**   * Name of the play * Name of the theater company * Actors’ names who played the major characters (Walter, Mama, Beneatha, Ruth) * Briefly state whether people should see it or not |

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| **Body Paragraph #1 -- Positives, which could include the following:**   * What did you like about the play? * Which actors portrayed their characters best? Why or in what way (be specific)? * Which scene or moment had the best acting? * How well did the performance capture the major themes and ideas in the play? * Did you like the way the play was directed? Think of these elements:   + The way the scenes changed or transitioned   + The events or characters that received the most focus and attention |

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| **Body Paragraph #2 -- Negatives, which could include the following:**   * What did you dislike about the play? * Anything from the list from Body Paragraph #1 that you thought were done poorly. |

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| **Conclusion**   * **Do you recommend others see this play? Why or why not?** |

**Option #2 -- “Radio” Review**

**Assignment:** You will imagine yourself a theater critic\* doing a radio interview, and you are reviewing the Arena Stage presentation of *A Raisin in the Sun*.

**→** This review is due by **Monday, April 24th. ←**

**What you need to include in the review:**

* What was done well in the play
* What was not done well in the play
* Whether you recommend people see this play and why/why not
* You will need to reference specific moments in the play as evidence

**How you should do the review:**

* Record using a phone (voice memo) or computer (Quicktime)
  + Save the file and send to Mr. Green as an attachment. Please make sure your name is on the file or is otherwise made clear somewhere on the assignment.
* You can record it by yourself **or** with a partner
  + *By yourself:* Imagine you are a theater critic, and you are recording a review for radio listeners
  + *With a partner:* One person acts as the interviewer, and the other acts as the theater critic. Conduct an interview like you would hear on the radio or on a podcast. Then, switch roles. Each person must play the role of the critic.

\**Critic* does not mean you can only be critical -- you can heap praise on the play if you loved it. A critic is simply someone who watches and reviews some form of art.

*A Raisin in the Sun* Review Rubric

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|  | **Excellent** | **Good** | **Needs Improvement** |
| You addressed the following:   * What was done well * What was not done well * Whether you recommend others see the play | 10 | 8 | 6 (or lower) |
| You referenced *specific* moments from the play to support your opinions. | 10 | 8 | 6 (or lower) |
| You wrote or spoke clearly and accurately. | 5 | 4 | 3 (or lower) |

Total \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_/25 points